

city hall of Fall River, Mass., Dr. George Dimmock is making a card catalogue of the fauna of the middle Connecticut valley, Mr. S. A. Shaw is making a careful study of the fauna at Hampton, N. H., while a number of entomologists in Maine are doing excellent work. The members of the Cambridge Entomological Club are also hard at work, but we have a task before us more difficult than simply collecting. We are on debatable faunistic ground. We are in the midst of a war on the Gypsy and Brown-tail moths, the continued work on their suppression will undoubtedly reveal many changes in local conditions. It seems therefore essential that our local work should be the best, and that the importance of this matter be fully appreciated.

### MELANOPLUS HARRISH N. SP.

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CLOSELY resembling *M. phoctalioformis* of northern California but a little smaller and distinctly more slender, especially in the hind femora, the face more retreating and the abdomen more strongly keeled above.

Facial costa narrow, only equalling width of basal joint of antenna. Face deep plumbeous, brownish above, lacking the luteous tints of *phoctalioformis*. Top of head and pronotum without pale markings. Sides of pronotum, mesothorax and metathorax heavily marked with fuscous. Pronotum narrower, its hind margin more produced. Hind femora intense cherry red apically within and beneath, shading into luteous at base. Hind tibiae very pale glaucous, distinctly annulate with deep black at base, infuscated beneath apically and at proximal third. Genitalia similar to those of *phoctalioformis*, the cerci a little slenderer, the sides of the subgenital plate, not fuscous but only slightly infuscated.

One male, Needham, Mass., Aug. 23. Collection of A. P. Morse. Taken among the rank herbage of an abandoned upland field on gravelly loam. But a single specimen was found in spite of prolonged sweeping and several subsequent visits to the scene of its capture.

Named in honor of Thaddeus William Harris, the first entomologist to write on the orthoptera of Massachusetts.